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TREATING RESPIRATORY VIRAL

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IMMUNOMODULATORY

POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

Examiner: E. Le

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated January 23, 2008 (Paper No. 20080120), for which a response is due on April 23, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to June 23, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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